

REMARKS

Claims 12-14 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 13-14 have been amended to be dependent on claim 12 and to more completely define the invention. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a process for producing copper-silver alloy wire, as defined by claims 12-14), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected inventions later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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